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WASHINGTON – **Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01)** issued the following statement on House passage of a bill that provides the funding necessary to continue disaster aid for Connecticut following last month’s winter storm.

“While far from perfect, this bill was able to protect funding for many of the programs that are critical to Connecticut residents.

“Most notably the bill provides adequate funding to the agencies that provide Connecticut with the disaster relief that is so needed following last month’s freak snowstorm. Additionally, the bill continues our commitment to ending homelessness among our Veterans while providing an increase to childhood nutrition programs.

“Unfortunately, the bill falls far short of the funding necessary for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. We cannot let up when it comes to addressing abuse within the financial sector, and that’s why I will continue to work with Ranking Member Norm Dicks and my colleagues in the House to ensure that the CFTC receives the resources it needs to get the cops back on the beat and prevent the abusive speculation that continues to drive up our oil costs. With the winter months approaching and energy prices likely to increase, Connecticut residents deserve nothing less.”

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